

## House Resolution No. 1516

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who so admirably illustrate the concept of public service; and

**Whereas**, the Honorable Edward Lee Swafford of Richmond, Missouri, has attained distinction as a significant community leader in his hometown and its surrounding environs; and

**Whereas**, a former Richmond City Clerk, Edward Swafford also has served several terms on the Richmond City Council and two terms as Mayor, an ever-important position from which he will step down at the end of his current term in office; and

**Whereas**, during his eight years as Mayor, Edward Swafford was universally praised for obtaining a funding grant for the School Resource Officer, implementing Richmond Municipal Court, improving water service through the completion of a new water tower, relocating the Richmond Police Department to the 911 Building to create a 911 Central Dispatch which covers Ray County in its entirety, and supporting the DARE program in area schools; and

**Whereas**, through his unparalleled support of the Fire Department, Mayor Edward Swafford helped lower the City's Insurance Services Office public protection classification rating from "7" to "5" to save local citizens thousands of dollars in property insurance premiums; and

**Whereas**, Mayor Swafford deserves commendation for his initiation of prayer before City Council meetings, a weekly Monday morning prayer time in the City Council Chambers which has been attended by the Richmond Ministerial Alliance and other business and community leaders, and the Richmond Mayor's Prayer Breakfast which held its seventh annual event on June 15, 2002:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant community contributions so generously given down through the years by Edward Swafford and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as he draws his time as Mayor of Richmond to a close; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Edward Lee Swafford of Richmond, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Gary Kelly  
District No. 36

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1516, adopted April 8, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker